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P R E F A C E.

IN this volume will be found the record of eleven stated meetings of the Society, from March, 1895, to April, 1896, both inclusive. Among the matters to which prominence is given in its pages are the various questions connected with the proposed removal of the Society's rooms to a new site, where adequate accommodations can be provided for the Library and Cabinet, and the Society may, with increased means, enter on wider fields of usefulness. There are also a large number of communications of general interest, especially Mr. APPLETON's Century of the United States Senate; Mr. PIERCE's account of the diary of John Rowe, followed by numerous extracts from the diary; Mr. HASSAM's paper on the Confiscated Estates of Boston Loyalists; Dr. GREEN's paper on Benjamin Thompson; Mr. WINSOR's paper on Early Printed Books relating to the New England Indians; the letters from John Quincy Adams to his brother Thomas Boylston Adams; the letters of Jonathan Sewall and Mrs. Mehetabel Higginson; and Mr. PIERCE's paper on Recollections as a Source of History. Much interest will likewise be felt in

the various tributes paid to the five Resident Members who have died since the last volume was issued; and there are memoirs of GEORGE E. ELLIS by Octavius B. Frothingham; of EDWARD BANGS by John Lowell; of OCTAVIUS B. FROTHINGHAM by Josiah P. Quincy; and of MARTIN BRIMMER by Samuel Eliot, each of which is accompanied by a portrait.

For the Committee,

CHARLES C. SMITH.

BOSTON, June 1, 1896.